

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

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SUMMER 2004

BOARD OF PHYSICIANS ELECTS ITS FIRST CHAIR



Harry C. Knipp, M.D., FACR

At its March 2004 meeting, the Maryland Board of Physicians elected Harry C. Knipp, M.D., FACR, as its first Board Chair. Dr. Knipp will lead the Board as it continues to implement the many changes to the Board procedures resulting from the passage of Senate Bill 500 in 2003.

Dr. Knipp graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1976, following in the footsteps of his great grandfather, grandfather, and father, all of whom practiced medicine in Maryland. After completing his postgraduate training, he began his practice of diagnostic radiology. He is certified by the American Board of Radiology. Dr. Knipp brings many years of experience from his own private practice, hospital medical credentialing and quality assurance activities at Carroll County General Hospital, and development of Advanced Radiology, PA,

Dr. Knipp previously served the Board of Physician Quality Assurance, predecessor to the new Board, by membership on the Radiation Technology Advisory Committee. "Dr. Knipp helped Maryland establish standards and a certification program for radiation technologists," said C. Irving Pinder, Jr., Executive Director of the Board of Physicians.

"I know that this Board can make a real difference in the lives of all Marylanders. I saw that happen when I served on the Rad Tech Advisory Committee. I am honored that my fellow Board members elected me as the first Board chair," Dr. Knipp said.

Dr. Knipp was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools, graduating from the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and attending Loyola College of Maryland before beginning his medical education. He lives with his wife in Reisterstown and is the father of three.

Under procedures established by the Board, Dr. Knipp will serve as Board chair through June of 2005, at which time the Board will hold its next election of officers. The Board chair represents the Board in many arenas. Dr. Knipp has already been appointed by Governor Ehrlich to the Governor's Task Force on Medical Malpractice and Health Care Access.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS & PATIENT CARE

Physician assistants are welcome physician extenders in many medical practices. Patients are often delighted to schedule an appointment sooner, with a physician assistant, rather than later, with the physician. However, medical care is one arena where patients prefer to have no surprises! Therefore, the Board of Physicians makes the following recommendations: for non-emergent visits or situations, inform the patient when the visit is scheduled that the visit will be with a physician assistant, not with a physician. Patients should be told in advance if a physician assistant will be performing a procedure and should be given the option of having the procedure performed by the supervising physician. Any informed consent form should indicate that the procedure will be done by a physician assistant.



C. IRVING PINDER, JR.,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2004 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following bills were passed and signed into law:

Senate Bill 72: This law extends the law requiring licensure of respiratory care practitioners in Maryland. Without the legislation, the provisions would have "sun-setted" on July 1, 2007.

House Bill 384: This law permits pharmacists to administer influenza vaccinations and directs the Boards of Pharmacy, Physicians, and Nurses to adopt regulations to allow pharmacists to administer influenza vaccinations in a manner that safeguards patient safety.

House Bill 433: This law requires the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations for regulatory or statutory changes needed to improve prescription legibility of prescriptions in order to enhance patient safety. The Board of Physicians will be part of the workgroup.

REPORTING OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Diane L. Matuszak, MD, MPH, Director
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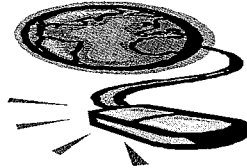
Several new diseases or conditions have recently been incorporated into the State's regulations for reporting of Reportable Diseases, Conditions, Outbreaks, and Unusual Manifestations (**COMAR 10.06.01.03**):

- * All types of arboviral illness;
- * Harmful algal bloom related illness;
- * Pesticide related illness;
- * Pneumonia in a health care worker resulting in hospitalization; and
- * Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

A complete listing of all reportable diseases and conditions can be accessed through the "Reportable Diseases & Conditions" link under "QUICK LINKS" on the DHMH home page at www.dhmh.state.md.us. Reporting instructions and forms are also available through the same link.

Your participation in our State's ongoing surveillance system fulfills an essential role in preventing uncontrolled transmission of serious communicable diseases. Please be assured that DHMH and local health departments welcome your suggestions for improving this crucial line of defense for all Marylanders.

The Office of Epidemiology and Disease Control Programs at 410-767-6700 can give you further information about reporting diseases, and will welcome your comments or suggestions.



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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION ON SELF-REFERRALS

Maryland's self-referral law, passed by the General Assembly and signed into law in 1993, is intended to prohibit physicians and other health care practitioners from referring patients to other health care entities in which the practitioner has a financial interest. The law makes exceptions for the use of "in-house ancillary services" provided in the office of the practitioner, but the law excludes MRI services, radiation therapy, and computer tomography scans from the definition of "in-house ancillary services."

The Maryland Office of the Attorney General has published a formal opinion on the application of the self-referral law to orthopedic practice groups which own either a MRI machine or a CT scanner. The opinion states, in part:

"In our opinion, the law bars a physician in the orthopedic practice from referring patients for tests on an MRI machine or CT scanner owned by that practice, regardless of whether the services are performed by a radiologist employee or member of the practice or by an independent radiology group. The same analysis holds true for any other non-radiology medical practice that owns an MRI machine or CT scanner." [89 Opinions of the Attorney General (2004), page 10]

An Opinion of the Attorney General represents the considered views of the Attorney General on a significant legal question, generally involving a Maryland law or other law that governs the actions of public officials in Maryland. The Board of Physicians gives these opinions significant weight when deciding issues of law.

MARYLAND PHYSICIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS IN ACTION

Hurricane Charley, which hit Southern Florida in mid-August, gave us a real-life opportunity to use the volunteer physician network that the Board of Physicians has developed in the past three years. Early on Saturday morning, a request came in to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency for nurses, physicians and pharmacists willing to deploy to Florida.

The Maryland Physician Volunteer Corps volunteers were contacted by e-mail to determine their willingness and ability to go to South Florida to help cope with the disaster. Within the hour, 6 volunteers indicated their willingness to go; by the end of the day, almost 50 positive responses were received. Fortunately, it was not necessary to send the Maryland volunteers, but it was a wonderful opportunity to test our system. Thanks to all of you who responded to the request and to Ms. Christine Triplett of the Board staff who spent her Saturday coordinating the response. Also, thanks to all of the volunteers who participated in the disaster drills conducted on June 8th and 9th.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, you may download a form on our website, www.mbp.state.md.us. Select "Emergency Preparedness" on the left-hand side of the page. Registering as a volunteer will ensure that you will hear about future emergency volunteer needs as well as training opportunities.

BOARD ORDERS JANUARY 2004 TO AUGUST 2004

Paul V. Beals, M.D., License #: D25922,

Area of Practice: Family Practice (Laurel, MD) Suspension for 2 years from date of the order; Probation for 5 years after suspension is terminated and subject to terms and conditions. The Board concluded that the physician violated the Medical Practice Act in that his actions of referring medically compromised patients for treatment with an illegal medical device was the incompetent practice of medicine, such referrals also being made to a lay person. Date of Action: April 28, 2004

Joseph C. Boschulte, M.D. License #: D08760,

Area of Practice: Psychiatry (East New Market, MD) The physician's license is reinstated effective January 14, 2004; and the physician is placed on probation for a period of 3 years subject to terms and conditions. The physician met the conditions precedent to reinstatement of his license contained in the January 22, 2003, Order. Date of Action: February 26, 2004

Max E. Byrkit, M.D., License #: D00936,

Area of Practice: Family Practice (Williamsport, MD) Probation for 6 months subject to terms and conditions. The Board concluded that the physician failed to meet appropriate standards of quality care in regard to a patient in his practice of family medicine. Date of Action: July 14, 2004

Ronald P. Capitol, MRT, Certification #: R01831,

Area of Practice: Medical Radiation Technologist (Towson, MD) Suspension for 2 years; immediate stay; probation for 5 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board concluded that the licensee violated the Medical Practice Act under the grounds of being addicted to or habitually uses any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance. Date of Action: February 5, 2004

Joseph H. Cutchin, Jr., M.D., License #: D04230,

Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Salisbury, MD) Conditions 1 through 6 of June 4, 2003, Consent Order are terminated; the physician reaffirms that he permanently ceased the practice of obstetrics. The physician has met the conditions precedent to the termination of the specified conditions of his consent order. Date of Action: May 6, 2004

James I. Damalouji, M.D., License #: D29821,

Area of Practice: General Surgery (Hollywood, MD) Reprimand; probation for 2 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board concluded that the physician failed to meet the standards of quality care in his treatment of a patient in that he failed to diagnose in a timely manner the source of the patient's internal bleeding and address the patient's declining hematocrit. Date of Action: February 5, 2004

Leslie Howard Fenton, M.D., License #: D01254,

Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Washington, DC) Termination of Probation; the independent requirement that the physician cannot testify as a qualifying expert or for expert medical opinion remains in effect. The physician has met the terms and conditions of probation. Date of Action: August 9, 2004

John L. Flowers, M.D., License #: D40524,

Area of Practice: General Surgery (Lutherville, MD) Reinstatement of Medical Licensure denied. The Board is not convinced that the physician has taken sufficient steps or has had enough time to ensure that the behaviors and actions that previously resulted in the surrender of his license are not repeated. Date of Action: August 24, 2004

Vivian J. Fooks, M.R.T., Certificate #: R05120,

Area of Practice: Radiation Technology (Salisbury, MD) Application for Reinstatement of Certificate Denied. The Applicant made false representations in her application and engaged in the unauthorized practice of medical radiation technology for a period of six months without certification by the State of Maryland. Date of Action: July 28, 2004

James L. Forsberg, M.D., License #: D33561,
Area of Practice: Family Practice (Eldersburg, MD)
Reprimand; Probation for a minimum of one year and until terms and conditions are satisfied. The Board determined that the physician in his practice of Family Medicine failed to meet standards of quality care with regard to a patient's major medical problem of hypertension. Date of Action: July 27, 2004

Mary L. Fotabe, MRT, Certification #: R04992,
Area of Practice: Medical Radiation Technologist (Silver Spring, MD) Suspension for 2 years. The licensee presented a falsified MRT credential to employers for employment purposes. Date of Action: February 26, 2004

Broderick J. Franklin, M.D., License #: D43476,
Area of Practice: Emergency Medicine (Baltimore, MD)
Reprimand; Probation for 1 year and until terms and conditions are met. The physician failed to meet standards of quality care in his treatment of a patient who had been transported by ambulance to an emergency department and presented with chest pain. Date of Action: August 25, 2004

David H. Ginn, M.D., License #: D32043,
Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Cockeysville, MD)
Surrender of License. The physician surrendered his license because of an investigation of violations of his November 13, 2002, Disposition Agreement in regard to abstaining from the use of all mood altering chemicals (drugs and alcohol). Date of Action: July 28, 2004

Alfredo J. Herrera, M.D., License #: D17863,
Area of Practice: Pediatrics (Ellicott City, MD)
Reinstatement of license; Suspension for 3 years; immediately stayed; Probation for 3 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board believes that the physician reformed his character sufficiently to practice medicine with integrity, provided he complies with the numerous conditions of his probation. Date of Action: June 9, 2004

John H. Hewitt, III, M.D., License #: D27908,
Area of Practice: Emergency Medicine (Hagerstown, MD)
Surrender of License. The physician surrendered his license because he has been unwilling or unable to comply with conditions of the Board's January 7, 2003, order, such conditions mandated during a period of suspension; and because he retired from the practice of medicine permanently on December 31, 2001. Date of Action: July 28, 2004

Teresa A. Hoffman, M.D., License #: D42001,
Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Baltimore, MD) Reprimand; and probation for a minimum period of 3 years, subject to terms and conditions; and a fine of \$25,000. The Board concluded that the physician failed to meet standards of quality care in her care and treatment of a patient at 35 weeks gestation with suspected deep vein thrombosis when after a cesarean section the patient's care was transferred to the physician for a weekend. Date of Action: April 28, 2004

Robert T. Horton, M.D., License #: D54056,
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Baltimore, MD) Suspension of license continues based on Board finding of failure to meet standards of quality care. The Board found that the physician failed to meet standards of quality care in his care and treatment of a patient in his practice of psychiatry. Date of Action: August 30, 2004

George M. Hricko, M.D., License #: D05500,
Area of Practice: Plastic Surgery, (Dover, MA) The physician is placed on probation for 5 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board took action based upon a February 19, 2003, Consent Order of the Massachusetts Board of Registration because of the failure to meet standards of quality care with two patients undergoing bilateral reduction mammoplasties. Date of Action: February 26, 2004

Narcisco F. Incocencio, M.D., License #: D41106,
Area of Practice: General Practice (Ocean City, MD)
Summary Suspension. The Board determined that the physician was guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct, made false reports or records in the practice of medicine, and prescribed drugs for illegal or illegitimate medical purposes and thereby posed a danger to the public. Date of Action: April 14, 2004

Hampton J. Jackson, M.D., License #: D19068,
Area of Practice: Orthopedic Surgery (Oxon Hill, MD)
Reprimand; probation for 18 months subject to terms and conditions. The physician failed to meet standards of quality medical and surgical care in regard to proposals for and actual orthopedic surgeries and in regard to the medication prescribing regimen for a patient. Date of Action: February 5, 2004

Robert M. Keenan, M.D., License #: D42002,
Area of Practice: General Practice (Baltimore, MD)
Summary Suspension of License to practice medicine. The Board found that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively required emergency action because of the physician's activities involving conspiracy, possession, and intent to distribute CDS including Ecstasy, and involving illegal manufacture, distribution, storage, and concealment of CDS Ecstasy and Phentermine. Date of Action: March 9, 2004

Joanne B. Kelly, M.D., License #: D21467,
Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Rockville, MD)
Surrender of License based on the investigation and charges by the Maryland Board of Physicians concerning violation of probation (Consent Order dated February 23, 2000) and other violations of the Medical Practice Act.
Date of Action: February 5, 2004

Grant F. Koher, D.O., License #: No License,
Area of Practice: Unspecified (Chapel Hill, NC)
Application for Initial Medical License Denied. The Board concluded that the Applicant entered into a Consent Order with the North Carolina Medical Board stipulating that medical services he rendered through a business entity constituted unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine.
Date of Action: April 20, 2004

Thaddeus J. Kuszmar, P.A., Certification #: C02205,
Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Montgomery, PA)
Revocation. The licensee pled guilty to and was convicted of two felony counts: distributing Oxycodone not for legitimate medical purposes and falsely altering a certificate of discharge from the Army. Date of Action: January 12, 2004

Tsu-Chun Lin, M.D., License #: D24756,
Area of Practice: Pediatrics (Millersville, MD)
Application for Reinstatement of Medical Licensure Denied. The Board concluded among other things that the applicant has not demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that he recognizes the gravity of his prior misconduct and substandard medical practices that led to the surrender of his license, and that he has not taken sufficient steps to assure that he does not repeat them in the future. Date of Action: July 22, 2004

Raymond A. Lloyd, Jr., M.D., License #: D42157,
Area of Practice: General Practice, (Baltimore, MD)
Reprimand; probation for one year subject to condition of a \$5,000 fine. The physician practiced medicine after his license had lapsed and thereafter failed to respond to Board or assist in the Board's investigation of this matter.
Date of Action: February 11, 2004

Paul T. Lyons, M.D., License #: D31817,
Area of Practice: Internal Medicine, (Bowie, MD)
Reprimand; probation for a minimum of one (1) year subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician failed to meet standards of quality care with regard to his evaluation and treatment of a cardiac patient.
Date of Action: February 26, 2004

Narayan S. Madiseti, M.D. aka Madiseti Narayan Swamy, M.D., License #: D22080,
Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Houston, TX)
Surrender of License. The Board's action is based upon an order of the Texas Board of Medicine for inadequate documentation regarding chronic pain patients and his decision to retire from the practice of medicine. Date of Action: July 28, 2004

Steven F. Manekin, M.D., License #: D13700,
Area of Practice: Neurology (Baltimore, MD)
Probation for 2 years subject to terms and conditions. In regard to the physician's Independent Medical Evaluations for Claimant Worker's Compensation Commission cases, the physician failed to meet the standards of quality care in that he authored independent medical evaluations and records that were inadequate. Date of Action: February 5, 2004

Paul A. Mullan, M.D., Former License #: D08462,
Area of Practice: Pediatrics (Baltimore, MD)
Petition for Reinstatement denied. The Board was not persuaded that patient safety would be protected if it permitted Dr. Mullan to return to the practice of medicine. Date of Action: May 25, 2004

Omar K. Omland, M.D., License #: D16665,
Area of Practice: Child Psychiatry (Bethesda, MD)
Suspension of license in effect on July 24, 2003, shall remain until July 24, 2006; other terms and conditions of the July 14, 2003, order not yet complied with are vacated. The physician practiced medicine while he was suspended, provided fictitious information in response to a Board subpoena, and received an unfavorable evaluation report.
Date of Action: June 21, 2004

Omar K. Omland, M.D., License #: D16665,
Area of Practice: Child Psychiatry (Bethesda, MD)
Permanent revocation. The physician violated the Board's July 13, 2003, order, violated numerous other provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act, and practiced medicine in this state without a license. Date of Action: June 23, 2004

Consolador C. Palad, Jr., M.D., License #: D02438,
Area of Practice: General Practice, (Owings Mills, MD)
The physician's application for reinstatement of medical licensure is denied. The Board concluded that the physician's application for reinstatement of medical licensure may be denied on the grounds that the applicant's medical condition renders him incompetent to practice medicine as set forth in state statute. Date of Action: February 26, 2004

Pricha Phattiyakul, M.D., License #: D17730,

Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Prince Frederick, MD) Revocation. The Board's action is a default judgement on the Board's charges of violation of multiple grounds of the Medical Practice Act because of misrepresentation of credentials, false reporting, unprofessional conduct with a patient, performing surgery in a non-approved facility without essential personnel and equipment. Date of Action: January 12, 2004

Steven A. Pickert, M.D., License #: D15804,

Area of Practice: Family Practice (Thurmont, MD) Reprimand; terms and conditions. The physician failed to meet standards of quality care with regard to a patient in his practice of Family Medicine. Date of Action: May 7, 2004

William D. Pierce, M.D., License #: D56681,

Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Berlin, MD) Summary Suspension of License to practice. The Board found that the public, health, safety or welfare imperatively required emergency action for reasons including substance abuse and dependency, abandonment of patients and illegal and illegitimate use of CDS. Date of Action: March 9, 2004

William D. Pierce, M.D., License #: D56681,

Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Berlin, MD) Surrender. The physician was prompted to surrender his license because of an investigation concerning allegations that he was addicted to controlled dangerous substances. Date of Action: April 28, 2004

Richard W. Powell, M.D., License #: D58515,

Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Hagerstown, MD) Revocation. The physician pled no contest to one count of making a false/fraudulent claim for health care benefits in violation of the California Penal Code and was thereby subject to revocation in Maryland for a crime of moral turpitude. Date of Action: August 25, 2004

Waheeda S. Qaiyumi, M.D. License #: D24705,

Area of Practice: Pediatrics (Columbia, MD) Revocation for a period of three years. The Board concluded that the physician is guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, failed to meet standards of quality care, and failed to maintain adequate medical records for 15 patients reviewed. Date of Action: February 5, 2004

Ali Shamaeizadeh, M.D., License #: D28857,

Area of Practice: General Practice (Woodbine, MD) Revocation. The Board concluded that the physician's conduct in conspiring to procure a false statement from his patient during a medical visit and in attempting to have his patient sign that false statement during a medical visit was a violation of the Maryland Medical Practice Act. Date of Action: March 3, 2004

David C. Smith, RCP, Certification #: L02176,

Area of Practice: Respiratory Care Practitioner (Laurel, MD) Reprimand; probation for 1 year subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that the standards of care were not met and the code of ethics were violated in the licensee's practice of respiratory care because patients assigned to the licensee did not receive their therapies which could have been given by following the Peak Demand Policy. Date of Action: February 5, 2004

Henry J. Sobel, M.D., License #: D22950,

Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Annapolis, MD) Reprimand; Probation for one year subject to terms and conditions. The Board concluded that the physician failed to meet standards of quality care in his practice of obstetrics with regard to a patient. Date of Action: June 23, 2004

Asuncion Soriano, M.D. , License #: D17128,

Area of Practice: General Practice, (Capitol Heights, MD) Reprimand; Probation for 3 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician violated her Corrective Action Agreement with the Board, failed to meet standards of quality care, and failed to keep adequate medical records in her practice of general medicine. Date of Action: February 26, 2004

Cesar U. Soriano, Jr., M.D., License #: D14468,

Area of Practice: General Practice (Capitol Heights, MD) Suspension for 2 years; suspension immediately stayed; Probation for a minimum of 3 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician violated his Corrective Action Agreement with the Board, failed to meet standards of quality care, and failed to keep adequate medical records in his practice of general medicine. Date of Action: February 26, 2004

Cesar U. Soriano, Jr., M.D., License #: D14468,

Area of Practice: General Practice (Capitol Heights, MD) Stay of Suspension lifted, effective 10 calendar days from date of this order or July 3, 2004; the license shall remain suspended at least until February 26, 2006; all other conditions of the February 26, 2004, Consent Order are vacated. The Board determined that the physician violated his Board order in that he failed to obtain approved medical supervision in the time agreed upon. Date of Action: June 23, 2004

Truman F. Soudah, M.D., License #: D18966,

Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Parkville, MD) Reprimand; Probation for a minimum of one year and until all of the terms and conditions are met. The Board concluded that the physician failed to keep adequate medical records based on peer review and six patients in the physician's practice of obstetrics and gynecology. Date of Action: July 28, 2004

Jacob Tasher, M.D., License #: D34871,

Area of Practice: Otolaryngology (Slingerlands, NY) Surrender. The physician's decision to surrender his license was prompted by an investigation and charges by the Maryland Board of his discipline by the New York Medical Board for gross negligence on more than one occasion, inadequate records and failure to use scientifically accepted infection control practices. Date of Action: May 26, 2004

Janie Noble Tawes, RT, License #: L02350,

Area of Practice: Respiratory Therapy (Goldsboro, MD) Revocation. The Board concluded that in pleading guilty to conspiracy to manufacture marijuana with the intent to distribute, a violation of Maryland state law, the licensee pled guilty to a crime of moral turpitude and thereby is subject to statute mandating revocation of her license. Date of Action: March 10, 2004

Gregory L. Taylor, M.D., License #: D27556,

Area of Practice: Family Practice (Catonsville, MD) Revocation; no application for reinstatement for 3 years. The physician violated probation in his July 10, 2002, Consent Order. He violated his order and a rehabilitation contract by ingesting morphine. Date of Action: January 23, 2004

Khin Cho Cho Than-Riddle, M.D., License #: D52233,

Area of Practice: General Practice (Gambrills, MD) Surrender of License. The physician permanently surrendered her license because of an investigation of including, but not limited to, allegations of significant boundary violations, including engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient and otherwise exploiting the therapeutic relationship with the patient. Date of Action: July 28, 2004

Kerry J. Thompson, M.D., License #: D23766,

Area of Practice: Diagnostic Radiology (Annapolis, MD) Reprimand; probation for a period of six (6) months subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician failed to meet the standards of care in that he failed to have in place and/or follow appropriate procedures to assure accurate identification of an intended injection site for a stellate ganglion block. Date of Action: February 26, 2004

Peter S. Trent, M.D., License #: D46821,

Area of Practice: Orthopedic Surgery (Oxon Hill, MD) Reprimand; probation for 18 months subject to terms and conditions. The physician failed to meet standards of quality medical and surgical care in regard to proposals for and actual orthopedic surgeries and in regard to the medication prescribing regimen for a patient. Date of Action: February 5, 2004

Benjamin F. Trump, M.D., License #: D14726,

Area of Practice: Anatomic/Clinical Pathology (Baltimore, MD) Termination of probation. Precondition to clinical practice in Maryland. The physician has met the terms and conditions of his September 2, 1998, Order of Reinstatement; he must obtain the prior written approval of the Board in order to resume the clinical practice of medicine in Maryland. Date of Action: March 3, 2004

Paul I. Valove, M.D., License #: D17463,

Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Columbia, MD) Suspension; stayed; probation for 3 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician failed to meet the standards of quality care with regard to a patient upon whom he performed gynecologic surgery. Date of Action: May 26, 2004

Arnold J. Zedd, M.D., License #: D53164,

Area of Practice: Infectious Disease; Pediatrics (Fairfax, VA) Surrender. The physician surrendered his license because of the Board's investigation of the circumstances surrounding the termination of his employment with USAF, and in order to devote his full attention to his mental health situation. Date of Action: April 28, 2004

FINES

Henry R. DiTommaso, D.O., License #: H40058,

Area of Practice: Osteopathic Medicine (Denton, MD) Administrative fine of \$1,000. The physician practiced with a lapsed license. Date of Action: May 10, 2004

Jason B. Flowers, MRT, Certification #: R05229,

Area of Practice: Medical Radiation Technologist (Martinsburg, WVA) Administrative fine of \$500. for practicing medical radiation technology without a certificate issued by the Board. Date of Action: January 14, 2004

Saundra L. Seaman, M.D., License #: D53142,

Area of Practice: Dermatology (Fairfax, VA) Administrative fine of \$1,100. The physician practiced medicine with a lapsed license and failed to notify the Board of a change of address as required by law. Date of Action: August 11, 2004

Harikrishna S. Tandri, M.D., License #: D59809,

Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Baltimore, MD) Administrative fine of \$1,100. The physician practiced with a lapsed license and failed to notify the Board of a change of address as required by law. Date of Action: May 3, 2004

BOARD OF PHYSICIANS REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Board of Physicians has established a new Physicians Rehabilitation Program for impaired physicians in need of treatment and rehabilitation for alcoholism, chemical dependency, or other physical, mental, or emotional condition. This program is designed to make entry into treatment, if necessary, as easy and painless as possible for the physician, family and associates. The program offers information, evaluation and referral for treatment, if necessary, at no cost to either the participant or the employer.

All persons who are required by an Order or Agreement with the Board of Physicians to participate in a rehabilitation program are referred to the new program. However, referrals from employers, associates, family or the physician him/herself are accepted and encouraged.

Joanna Fitzick, LCSW-C, is the case manager for the Maryland Board of Physicians Rehabilitation Program. Burton D'Lugoff, M.D., is Medical Director for the PRP. The program can be contacted at 443-803-4567. Staff can provide or arrange presentations on the Board of Physicians Rehabilitation Program as well as on topics related to substance abuse and mental health.

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